

Remarks

Applicant notes with appreciation the allowance of Claims 26-47 and 53-87. The foregoing amendments to dependent claims 27-29, 31, 33-35, 38, 41-43, 45 and 54-58 are submitted for consideration by the Examiner after the issuance of a Notice of Allowance in the above-identified application, under 37 CFR §1.312. The foregoing amendments to only dependent claims merely clarify the subject matter recited in these claims, and do not introduce any new matter. Many of the amendments were necessitated by the Examiner's Amendment that accompanied the Notice of Allowance.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, this application should remain in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, after this amendment, that the application does not remain in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the Applicant's attorney at the telephone number listed below.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicant hereby requests any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 23/2825.

Respectfully submitted,
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